

# The Hawk Eye



**Harrison Elementary School's Newsletter**  
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## Mr. Laminack's Unforgettable Visit

By: Heinz Manoj and Noah Varman

### *Have you read **Saturdays and Teacakes?** Or **Snow Day?***

*Mr. Laminack is the author of these books, as well as many others. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2015, he came to our school to talk about himself as an author. He taught us that a good story can be found anywhere, even in everyday things! Remember to be organized, though. Mr. Laminack has three different notebooks: a writing notebook, a "spy" notebook, and a plan notebook. These notebooks keep him organized.*

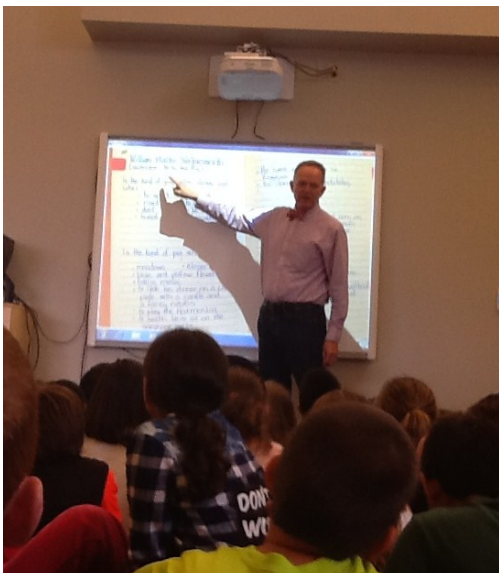
*At the end of the assembly, children asked him questions. One question was "How long does it take to write a book?"*

*Mr. Laminack replied, "It takes about a year."*

*Another question was, "What were some other jobs you had before you were an author?"*

*"I was a waiter when I was younger," he told us.*

*Mr. Laminack taught us many things about himself and being a good writer. He told us to always be on the lookout for a good story. You can even exaggerate if you need a bit more details. Harrison should always remember him and his work.*



## World Smile Day

By Kunal Chinai and Ethan Davinson

Harvey Ball was the creator of the smiley face. He was an American commercial artist who thought that we should devote the first Friday in October to smiles and kind acts throughout the world. We have this event because he thought people were over-using the smiley face and it lost its meaning. The smiley face had nothing to do with politics, geography, or religion, it was just about happiness. Ever since 1999 we have had World Smile Day.

Here at Harrison School we celebrated World Smile Day by creating an acrostic poem using the word smile. We thought of good character trait words too. Every student designed a smiley face and decorated the halls of the school. We went around and asked kids why it is important to smile. See their answers below!

Student	Why is it important to smile?
Evan Sansobrino, Mrs. Gullo's class	"It is kind and give them something to smile about."
Avi Kutem, Mrs. Falchetta's class	"To make people happy and help someone on their work."
Aznye Mo, Mrs. Faber's class	"When something good happens you can make someone happy."
Carolyn Zhou, Mrs. Sachs' class	"It makes others feel better when they are feeling sad."
Sylvie Friedman, Mrs. Raiola's class	"Smiling makes everyone better. If you're not feeling happy it tends to make you feel better."
Justinas Sanders, Mrs. Szelingowski's class	"It makes people feel better about themselves."

# Happy Halloween Harrison!

By: Abigail Litvin and Amelie Regala

Isn't Halloween the best? Well, do you know how it originally started? It started about 2,000 years ago! It wasn't even called Halloween. It was an ancient Celtic festival called Samhain (sow-in) that celebrated the transition of when days get darker and shorter. It was celebrated by lighting bonfires and wearing costumes to keep the ghosts away. It was believed that wearing those costumes and masks protected you from the evil spirits that roamed around the town. This was originally celebrated on November 1st. The night before was called Hallows' Eve, which turned into Halloween.

At Harrison we celebrate a little differently. We change into our costumes either at school or at home during the lunch period. When we come back, we take a bunch of pictures for the yearbook and wait to be called down to the parade. At the parade we walk and let people take pictures, and then we go to the middle black top and sing our Halloween jingles. Mrs. Matten teaches us the jingles a couple weeks before Halloween. Mrs. Matten says this is easy to do because, "Each child knows the song from the year before. And sometimes older brothers or sisters teach their siblings the jingles." We're so lucky to have Mrs. Matten! After the parade we go upstairs and have a class party. Everyone at Harrison loves Halloween!



## Kindness Corner

October's messages of kindness come from writers Grace Hu and Gelina Liu.

### Kindness Matters

By Gelina Liu

To show your kindness there are many ways,  
So stop waiting for opportunities, be kind to someone today!

You can donate money, you can volunteer,  
Do whatever you can to bring out a cheer.

You may think of it as a small and tiny act,  
But in someone's life, it will be a life-changing act!

### Kindness

By Grace Hu

My wish is for you all to continue,  
Continue to be who you are.

Don't let a person change you,  
You're great the way you are.

Help others in need,  
And astonish the world with your kind acts.

Stand up to a bully,  
You have a right to be heard.

Stand up for others,  
They too have a right to be heard.

This is kindness,  
Pass it on.